

25. (Amended) A mop element to be mounted on one of a plurality of different mop element supports comprising;

a compressible liquid absorbent member having a longitudinal dimensional and a generally planar surface having a transverse central axis, said central axis dividing said surface into a first region and a second region;

a first and a second aperture in said first region;

a first and a second aperture in said second region;

said first aperture in said first region corresponding to said first aperture in said second region thus defining a first pair of apertures positioned for alignment with receptive apertures in a first mop element support; said second aperture in said first region corresponding to said second aperture in said second region thus defining a second pair of apertures positioned for alignment with respective apertures in a second different mop element support;

said first aperture in said first region being spaced apart from said first aperture in said second region by a first longitudinal dimension; said second aperture in said first region being spaced apart from said second aperture in said second region by a second longitudinal dimension, said second longitudinal dimension being different from said first longitudinal dimension.

26. (Amended) A mop element according to claim 25, [wherein said mop element includes a third aperture in said first region and a third aperture in said second

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region, said third aperture in said first region corresponding to said third aperture in said second region thus defining a third pair of apertures positioned for alignment with respective apertures in a third different mop element support] said first pair of apertures being collinear with said second pair of apertures

27. (Amended) A mop element according to claim 25, wherein said mop element includes a [relatively tough covering layer having first and second sections overlying respectively at least a portion of said first region and a portion of said second region, wherein said apertures are disposed respectively in said first and second sections of said covering layer] third aperture in said first region and a third aperture in said second region, said third aperture in said first region corresponding to said third aperture in said second region thus defining a third pair of apertures positioned for alignment with respective apertures in a third different mop element support; said third aperture in said first region being spaced apart from said third aperture in said second region by a third longitudinal dimension, said third longitudinal dimension being different from said first longitudinal dimension and said second longitudinal dimension.

28. (Amended) A mop element according to claim 27, [wherein said covering layer is discontinuous across said central axis] said third pair of apertures being collinear with at least one of said first pair of apertures and said second pair of apertures.

Please cancel claims 29-35, and add new claims 36-44 as follows:

36. A mop element according to claim 25, wherein said mop element includes a relatively tough covering layer having first and second sections overlying respectively at least a portion of said first region and a portion of said second region, wherein said apertures are disposed respectively in said first and second sections of said covering layer.

37. A mop according to claim 36, wherein said covering layer is discontinuous across said central axis.

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a mop element to be mounted on a mop element support, said mop element comprising:

a compressible liquid absorbent member having a longitudinal dimension and a generally planar surface having a transverse central axis, said central axis dividing said surface into a first region and a second region;

an aperture in said first region;

an aperture in said second region, said apertures positioned for alignment with respective apertures in said mop element support; and

two removable rivets, each of said rivets comprising:

a rivet portion having a headed end and a longitudinally slotted outer sleeve; and

a pin portion having a head and an operative end opposite the head, the operative end thereof being received within the sleeve of said rivet

portion when partially extended therein with the headed portions of the rivet portion and the pin portion longitudinally spaced, whereby, when the head of said pin is moved longitudinally toward the head of said sleeve, the operative end thereof engages and enlarges said outer sleeve.

39. The kit of claim 38, wherein said slotted sleeve has an inward projection portion and said pin portion is shaped to interact therewith to retain said inner pin portion in said retained position.

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40. A kit according to claim 38, wherein said mop element has a second aperture in said first region and a second aperture in said second region, said second aperture in said first region corresponding to said second aperture in said second region thus defining a pair of second apertures positioned for alignment with respective apertures in a second different mop element support;

said first aperture in said first region being spaced apart from said first aperture in said second region by a first longitudinal dimension; said second aperture in said first region being spaced apart from said second aperture in said second region by a second longitudinal dimension, said second longitudinal dimension being different from said first longitudinal dimension.

41. A kit comprising:

a mop element to be mounted on a mop element support, said mop element comprising;

a liquid absorbent member having a support surface;

an aperture in said support surface, said aperture positioned for alignment with a respective aperture in said mop element support; and

a fastener for releasably securing said mop element to said mop element support when said apertures are aligned, said fastener being separable from said mop element and including a post portion for extending through said aligned apertures, said fastener releasably engaging at least one of said mop element and said mop element support thereby releasably securing said mop element to said mop element support.

42. A kit according to claim 41, wherein said fastener comprises a removable rivet.

43. A kit according to claim 41, wherein said support surface includes plural apertures positioned for alignment with respective plural apertures in a mop element support.

44. A kit according to claim 43, wherein said support surface includes a first pair of apertures and a second pair of apertures, said first pair of apertures positioned for alignment with a respective pair of apertures in a first mop element support and said second